

## SIERRA COUNTY.—SAINT LOUIS MINING DISTRICT.

## BY-LAWS.

At a meeting of the Miners of St. Louis District held at the Town Hall on the 6th day of July A. D. 1856 for the purpose of enacting Laws for the government of said District the meeting was organized by Ralph Ellis being called to the chair and Joel Eveland appointed Secretary.

Pursuant to the above mentioned meeting the following Laws were enacted.

ARTICLE I. In this district shall be included all the mining ground between Sackett's Ravine on the North Fork and Cedar Grove Ravine on the South and the dividing ridge between Slate and Canyon Creeks.

ARTICLE II. A claim shall consist of 100 feet square or 10,000 square feet and any person may hold two such claims by Location and one by purchase making in all three claims; And any person may hold three by purchase; but in no case shall any person hold more than three claims.

ARTICLE III. Any person holding a Mining claim in this District shall keep the angles plainly marked with Stakes and stating as near as possible the direction of the Angles and in addition shall keep a notice posted in some conspicuous place with all the owners' names signed to it.

ARTICLE IIII. Any person locating ground claimed by another party who are holding more than three claims may select such ground as he chooses provided that he does not take the ground on which the second party is at work.

ARTICLE V. Any person holding three claims in this District may hold the same by working one and renewing the others every thirty days during the mining season.

ARTICLE VI. The Mining Season shall be the months included between April 1st and July 1st all claims worked up to that date shall hold good from July 1st to April 1st without renewal.

ARTICLE VII. Any person holding a claim with another lying in front of it shall have the privilege of opening through said claim provided he pays the Damage assessed by the Miners chosen for the occasion.

ARTICLE VIII. The Sworn certificate of the Secretary of this meeting shall be a proof of the validity of these claims.

On motion it was agreed that a Copy of these proceedings be published in the Mountain Messenger.

Adjourned *Sine die*.

JOEL EVELAND *Secretary*.

RALPH ELLIS *Chairman*

## TRINITY COUNTY.—DEMOCRAT GULCH MINING DISTRICT.

At a miners meeting of the miners on Democrat Gulch held on Wednesday Sept the 3 1856 The following rules and regulations were adopted

*Resolved*, that the boundary lines at present be respected and each man is entitled to one hundred yards as a claim in the gulch from bank to bank on the main rise of the bed rock.

*Resolved*, Bank or hill claims, one hundred yards front and running back as far as you wish to work.

*Resolved*, Gulch claims to be held by notice from the first of July to the first of October and said notice to be renewed every 22 days.

*Resolved*, Hill claims to be held by notice to be held by notice from the 1st of December to the 1st of May and said notice renewed every 22 days.

*Resolved*, claims deserted for 10 days when workable are subjected to forfeiture.

*Resolved*, In case of sickness claims to be held by notice and said notice to be renewed every 22 days

*Resolved*, Companies working the hills cannot run dirt on the Gulch claims provided the said Gulch claims have the oldest right

*Resolved*, That these rules be recorded in the Recorder's office.

DAVID FARRELL *Secy*.

Recorded Sept 9th 1856.

JOHN FARRELL *Chairman*.

## SISKIYOU COUNTY.—MAINE LITTLE HUMBURG CREEK MINING DISTRICT.

## BY LAWS.

MAINE LITTLE HUMBURG CREEK *Oct 8th A. D. 1856*.

At a meeting of the miners of Maine Little Humberg Creek held at the house of Mr Dixon on said Creek the following resolutions were adopted after the meeting was duly organized and Mr James Dixon was chosen chairman and L. A. Rood secretary the following committee was appointed to draft resolutions. Byron Cox David Keneday, Patrick Cummins John Keneday, Patrick McDermit, Gumler Hansons Win Carpenter, Jacob Reid Joseph Bemans Anthony Reid J. Feberns Ephraim Sweet.

ARTICLE 1st. *Resolved*, that the mining District of Maine Little Humberg Creek shall extend from the forks of said creek or little Humberg District to the mouth of Maine little Humberg Creek and the following laws shall have jurisdiction over the claims and mining privileges of said District specified in this article.

ART. 2d. *Res*, that the claims in this District shall be 100 yards in length extending up and down the Creek and 200 feet in width

ART. 33. *Res*, that no person shall be entitled to more than one claim by location, but he may succeed to as many claims as he may obtain by fair and bona fide purchase Provided he keep them represented by a person working on each claim, according to the proviso of art. 5th in this code of Laws

ART. 4th. *Res*, that any miner or company of Miners shall have the privilege of cutting a drain ditch through the Ground below them in such a manner and position as will do the Company below, the least possible injury

ART. 5th. *Res.* that all claims in this district workable shall be represented by labor performed one day in every seven in order to hold the claims from being jumped.

ART. 6th. *Res.* That labor done at building a cabin on a claim or in preparing or in getting tools or any mining apparatus or in doing any other kind of labor for the better working of any Claim shall be considered working it properly and shall hold the claim accordingly

ART. 7th. *Res.* that no persons claim shall be Jumpable in this district while he is sick or in other way disabled from labor or while he is absent from his claim attending upon sick friends.

ART. 8th. *Res.* that all disputes or difficulties about claims or Water privileges occurring in this mining district shall be settled by a majority of the miners in a miners meeting or by a Jury as the parties may agree a Jury shall be preferable if either party wishes it, in all cases the jury shall be chosen by the parties

ART. 9th. *Res.* That no person shall have a voice or vote in a miners meeting or arbitration that occurs in this mining district except he either holds a claim or is working in the mining district

ART. 10th. *Res.* That all former laws in this mining District that in any way conflict with these laws are hereby repealed and shall be considered null and void after this code of laws take effect.

ART. 11th. *Res.* that no miners or Company of miners shall back water by a dam or otherwise upon the claim above them to injury of the party holding the claim above without their (the upper companys) consent

ART. 12th. *Res.* that no person or persons shall be allowed to divert the water by a ditch otherwise from this district injurious to the miners working the stream

ART. 13th. *Res.* that this code of laws shall not be hereafter modified or repealed except by a majority of the claim holders in this mining District

ART. 14th. *Res.* That no dams or reservoirs shall be constructed in this mining District to gether water for the purpose of sluicing neither the water be detained in any aforesaid dam or reservoir later than seven o'clock a m

ART. 15th. *Res.* that this code laws shall take effect and be in full force hereafter from this time of their adoption, furthermore a copy of these laws shall be posted up in the most conspicuous place in this mining District also a copy of these laws shall be kept by the secretary of this meeting

ART. 16th. *Res.* That these laws be recorded at the County Recorders office in this county.

JAMES DISON *Chairman*

L. A. ROOD *Secretary*

Filed for record Saturday October 11th A D 1856 at 3 o'clock p. m.

JONAS W. BROWN *Recorder, of Siskiyou County*  
By M C WHITE *Deputy*

Recorded October 15th A D 1856 at 3 o'clock p. m in Book of Miners Claims &c.

JONAS W BROWN *Recorder*  
By M C WHITE *Deputy*

### SIERRA COUNTY.—GIBSONVILLE MINING DISTRICT.

#### MINING LAWS.

ARTICLE I. The boundaries over which these rules and regulations shall be exercised is from the Mouth of the West Branch of Slate Creek on the South to the Mouth of 3rd Ravine with all the Ravines and Gulches putting into said Branch of Slate Creek, and the ground naturally drained thereby.

ARTICLE II. All Ravine and Creek claims shall consist of 30 feet wide and 100 feet up and down the Creek and Ravine.

ARTICLE III. All Bank and Hill claims shall consist of 100 feet running back to the Main Ridge.

ARTICLE IV. No person shall hold more than one claim by right of Pre-emption.

ARTICLE V. Any person or Company taking up a claim or claims shall put up a Stake at each of the Front Corners and shall place a notice on one of said Stakes signed by himself or one of the Company stating the Boundaries with the date of making said claim and placing a sufficient number of Stakes to define the directions of the lines running to the Ridge and said notice shall be recorded.

ARTICLE VI. Any person or Company holding Claims shall during the Months of April May. June and July work the same or renew their notice once in 20 days either himself one of the Company or an Agent appointed for that purpose.

ARTICLE VII. Any person or Company may hold his or their claim from the 1st day of August to the 1st day of April by working the same or by having said claim recorded or renewed on the Record.

ARTICLE VIII. There shall be one Recorder whose duty it shall be to record all claims and renewals of claims presented to him by the Owners thereof for which he shall receive the sum of 50 cents for each Claim Recorded and 25 cents for each Renewal of Notice on Record.

ARTICLE IX. The Recorder shall be elected by Ballot for one year. In case of Removal or Inability to perform the duties of his office the Recorder may appoint a person to fill the Vacancy subject to the approval of the Miners.

ARTICLE X. Any Company running a Cut or Tunnel through unclaimed ground to get into their claims shall hold by right of said Cut or Tunnel 25 feet each side of said Cut or Tunnel from the Centre.

ARTICLE XI. It shall be the duty of the Recorder to post up Notices for a meeting of the Miners to Elect a Recorder at least 30 days previous to the Expiration of his term of office.

ARTICLE XII. Any person at any time feeling aggrieved by any of the above Rules and Regulations and desirous to have said Rules and Regulations Altered or amended may call a meeting of the Miners by giving at least 3 days notice of such intention by placing up at least two Notices on the most public places in Gibsonville.

CHARLES. T. SHEETZ *Chairman.*  
B. V. RUTHERFORD *Secretary.*

The above is a true Copy of the Laws of Gibsonville passed Jany. 8th 1857

By FRANK SCHOOMAKER *Recorder.*

All articles passed previous to this date Jany 8th 1857 Are Null and Void.